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3.		Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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4.	X	Oath or Declaration
	a.	☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Unexecuted
	b.	☑ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
	C.	☑ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
	d.	☐ <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5.		Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.		CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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9.		Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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#### Fee Calculation and Transmittal

#### **CLAIMS AS FILED** #Filed #Allowed For #Extra Rate Fee **Total Claims** 34 - 20 = 14 \$252.00 \$18.00 \$0.00 1 0 \$86.00 Indep. Claims - 3 = \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$770.00 **BASIC FEE** OTHER FEE (specify purpose) \$0.00 **TOTAL FILING FEE** \$1,022.00 ☐ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. ☑ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 16-2025 as described below. Charge the amount of \$1,022.00 as filing fee. ☑ Credit any overpayment. ☐ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17. ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b). William J. Uhl

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